Faculty Senate Public Engagement and Outreach Council (FSPEOC)
MEETING MINUTES
October 27, 2023
9:00 – 10:15 AM
Via ZOOM

In attendance:

Joseph Krupczynski, Sara Whitcomb, Elena Carbone, Sigrid Schmalzer, Karen Shultz Battistoni, Hyeyoung Park, Lisa Troy, Julia Jorati, Terre Parker, Isabel Espinal,

- **WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS**

Julia Jorati—co-direct program that brings philosophy into K-12 schools in Springfield and Holyoke. Professor of Philosophy.

New and existing members introductions (as/if needed.)

- **LOGISTICS**

- Review/Approve Minutes from September 29, 2023 FSPEOC Meeting
- Review Agenda

- **DISCUSSION OF CURRENT FSPEOC ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES**

Proposal to council about committees. People can follow up individually with Joseph with questions, thoughts, concerns about membership.

a. Establish and Vote on Council Sub-Committees:
    - **Distinguished Community Engagement Awards Sub-Committee**
        - Isabel, Elena, Hye Young, Karen
        - Organizing and facilitating awards for community engaged research, service, teaching, community partner. Work to organize call of awards, communications (with help from Joseph), organize review and submit nominations to provost and Joseph.

        - Question would be how to reinvent process to make it simpler without the capacity. Concern that there isn't someone else on the committee that was most recently been on the committee
        - Sara will reach out to Mary and get some information on the process and will begin to develop some documentation that outlines the process
        - Joseph will reach out to committee members to discuss roles and then plan a first meeting
- **New Membership Recruitment Sub-Committee**
    - Giverson, Heidi
    - Joseph will connect with sub-committee as he has been keeping track of membership
- **Carnegie Classification Task Force Sub-Committee**
    - Joseph (CESL), Sara, Lisa, Julia
    - Met with Anna Maria who is Co-Chair from public health. Working to identify some other members from other offices on campus. First meeting will be just after Thanksgiving (before end of semester).
    - Four of us could meet before the December meeting to think about how to organize our work as a subcommittee
    - Sigrid—could Rose be of help to ensure there is community voice on the task force? Joseph noted that there would be ways to include community members on subcommittees since task force roles/membership has already been voted on in faculty senate
- **Community Partnership Sub-Committee**
    - Terre, Sigrid, Rose
    - Name this as a subcommittee
    - Sigrid-continue to work on project with ESAM group. Does it make sense that this is a subcommittee made up of just council members or can we expand to include partners that have been working on the environmental justice project in Springfield? Joseph will connect with Tony to get feedback on this.
    - Lisa-Like this as a subcommittee as this can be framed well on an AFR

Discussion and Planning for Fall event with last year's award winners

- RESEARCH: Airín Denise Martínez, Health Policy and Management
- TEACHING: Deborah Keisch, Civic Engagement and Service Learning
- SERVICE: Paulina Borrego, University Libraries
    - For this year, may we can combine a panel of the awardees with overview of process (informational session) for people who are interested in nominating/being nominated
    - We can try one event for this year as it might be a really nice way to promote the awards (Early February)
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b. Review of newly proposed website for UMass homepage

- We will be on UMass Landing Page (UMass Edge) as “We are a Community-Engaged University”
- If folks have photos of engagement in the community and permissions to share, please do!
- We should also be building up a library of photos
- Lisa—Do we need written permissions and do we have a permissions template
- Hyeyoung—Community practicum in spring semester and can get a photo, what is timeframe for collecting photos
- Isabel—Maybe we could create a community-engagement toolkit that includes things like language for photo permissions
- Sara will reach out to Wes Deshano in College of Ed to gather pictures

- **NEW BUSINESS/ISSUES/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
    - Engagement faculty/staff on campus feeling in vulnerable position
        i. This happened many years ago in the library and with DEI workers at UMass and around the country (as examples). Will discuss in more depth at next meeting. Is there something we can do as a council? What happens when people are doing their job and it clashes with mindset of university? How do we navigate the spectrum of community engagement (from community service to social movements)?
    - On campus launch for new book on anti-racist community engagement (Joseph edited) there will be an event in CHC on December 1

- New event!
    i. https://heller.brandeis.edu/mass-health-policy-forum/categories/public-health/roadmap-you-behavioral-health-western-mass.html